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Title: Need to construct railway line between Valapattanam railway station and Azhikkal port in Kannur district of Kerala.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Government of Kerala has earmarked amount of Rs. 500 crore for the development of Azhikkal Port and also submitted proposals to Union Government for including Azhikkal Port under Sagarmala project of Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.

Connectivity to the port with external service/infrastructure facilities is important for the development of the port. Linking of this port through rail line will facilitate smooth access to the port. Construction of this railway line is a crucial factor in determining the operational success of the Port.

In the above circumstances, I request the Government to take necessary steps to accord sanction and provide sufficient funds for survey and construction of Railway line between Valapattanam railway station and Azhikkal Port of Kannur district.